

MERSEYSIDE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023
10th October 2023 Alder Hey Sports and Social Club

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Confirmation of attending clubs
- Chairman -
 - Summary of 2022-2023 season
 - Guidelines for the coming season
- Secretary - Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
- Treasurer Report
- Election of Officers
 - *Chair*
 - *Secretary*
 - *Treasurer*
 - *Website Manager*
 - *Junior Development Officer*
 - *Club Representatives*
 - *Communications Officer*
- Rule Changes
- Brian Kendall Cup proposal
- Presentation of winners medals
- Confirmation of each league composition
- AoB
- Fixture agreement and discussions

MINUTES OF MEETING

All present were thanked for their attendance. All clubs confirmed as attending against the list of teams registered to compete in the 2023-24 season.

Summary of the Season

End of season report posted on the MVL website

Election of officers

No nominees or proposals for committee roles. All current committee members confirmed as willing to stand again and were elected unopposed.

- Chair: Andy Fuller
- Secretary: Alan Bell
- Treasurer: Gary Willder
- Website Manager: Paul Nicholson
- Junior Development: Martin Mierzwa

A new post of communications officer was proposed to improve the links between MVL, Volleyball England and NWVA. Mike Byrne indicated that he was prepared to take on the role and was duly appointed

No club representatives wished to serve on the committee.

Rule Changes

The list of proposed rule changes which had been circulated in advance of the meeting was discussed. There was some discussion around the proposal to allow more than one NVL registered player to play in MVL Division 2 teams. Agreed rule changes are set out below referenced to the updated set of rules now set out on the MVL website.

1) Changes to League Constitution

- i. removal of 'surety' requirement (rule 4d and rule 11b)
- ii. revised list of executive committee (rule 5a)
- iii. changes to chair's voting rights at committee meetings and appeals (rule 6a and b)
- iv. introduction of coaches and referees awards (rule 9 iv)

2) Changes to Competition Rules

(a) 5 scoresheets-

- i. requirement for use of one of two standard MVL scoresheets (rule 5a)
- ii. addition to include referee ratings (rule 5d)

(b) B: Player registration and eligibility

- i. where clubs have two teams in one division they will be allowed to increase their use of unstarred players to make a team of 7 rather than 6 players (rule B 6)
- ii. change to eligibility of NVL registered players in MVL Division 2 (rule B 12.)

(c) F: Rule heading changed to Sanctions

- i. Sureties reference removed (rule F 1, 2, F 3 and 4 amended)

(d) G: Disputes and Appeals

- i. G 5. becomes G 4.i
- ii. new wording (and approach) to cover the resolution of appeals (rule G 4.1)

Des Jeffers Tournament

Womens 29/10/23

Mens A 05/11/23

Mens B 12/11/23

Entry cost was agreed at £40 per team

Brian Kendall Cup Proposal

Alan Bell put forward a proposal to run a Men and Women handicap competition. This was accepted unanimously with at least a dozen clubs showing an interest. Alan agreed to communicate more details now that the competition had been accepted in principle.

Referees Award

An award for the best performing referees of the season was proposed. The award would be decided by MVL teams and presented at the AGM at the end of each season. The proposal was agreed. To

facilitate this and allow teams to contribute to choosing the winner, it was agreed that the online scoresheet should be amended to include a referee rating section with a star approval system and a text box for complimentary comments. Negative comments should not be included and, if serious, should be dealt with through the League's complaints procedure.

Awards Presentation

Coach of the year Mens divisions:	Martin Mierzwa
Coach of the year Womens divisions:	Simon Edwards
Womens Division 1 Winners:	Wigan Seahawks
Womens Division 1 Runners-up:	Liverpool
Mens Division 1 Winners:	Chester
Mens Division 1 Runners-up:	Royals
Womens Division 2 Winners:	Royals
Womens Division 2 Runners-up:	Team Latvia
Mens Division 2 Winners:	Liverpool U18
Mens Division 2 Runners-up:	University of Chester

League Composition 2023/24

Difficulties with completing the fixtures in an 11 team league (MD2) were pointed out and several alternatives discussed but in the end the clubs/ teams present agreed to go ahead with a league of 11.

The following composition for the leagues was agreed;

Men Div 1	8 teams
Men Div 2	11 teams
Women Div 1	7 teams
Women Div 2	7 teams

Meeting closed at 9pm to focus on agreeing the fixtures for the forthcoming season.